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1. SUMMARY. JAN-FEB FOOD INDUSTRY PRODUCTION REPORT IN
EKONOMICHESKAYA GAZETA (SEE PARA 5) CONTAINS NO NEW BASIC
TRENDS FROM THOSE INDICATED IN JANUARY. END SUMMARY.

2. THE RAPID RATE OF INCREASE IN MEAT OUTPUT IN JAN 1978
OVER JAN 1977 DROPPED BACK SOMEWHAT IN FEB, BUT TOTAL OUT-
TURN FOR THESE TWO MONTHS WAS ABOVE 1974 LEVELS. IT WAS
STILL BELOW 1976 AND 1975 PRODUCTION LEVELS. REMEMBER
THAT 1976 FIGURES WERE SOMEWHAT DISTORTED BY WHAT APPEARS
TO HAVE BEEN CONTINUED DISASTER SLAUGHTER IN JANUARY OF
THAT YEAR. 1975 WAS THE RECORD YEAR, AND THE YEAR WHICH
THE SOVIETS MUST SURPASS TO REACH THEIR OVERALL TARGET OF
15.6 MMT FOR ALL CATEGORIES OF MEAT, FROM BOTH SOCIALIZED
AND PRIVATE SECTORS. FOOD INDUSTRY OUTPUT OF MEAT IN
JAN AND FEB OF 1975 WAS 1,588 TMT, COMPARED TO ONLY 1,318
THIS YEAR, A SHORTFALL OF 270 TMT. A SLIGHT COMPARABLE
INCREASE IN SAUSAGE PRODUCTION BETWEEN THE TWO YEAR'S
REDUCES THE SHORTFALL TO 246 TMT. IN VIEW OF REPORTED
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LIVESTOCK POPULATION AND FEED SITUATION, THE CURRENT PACE
SHOULD NOT BE VIEWED AS MEANINGFUL, BUT IT IS IMPORTANT
TO NOTE.

3. THE DEGREE OF SOVIET CONCERN ABOUT ACHIEVEMENT OF
THESE GOALS IS, REFLECTED IN A FRONT PAGE PRAVDA ARTICLE
OF 3/14 WHICH ALSO CONTAINS SOME INTERESTING PROCUREMENT

FIGURES AND GOALS. IN BRIEF, IT RECAPS LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY (LIVE WEIGHT) PURCHASES BY THE STATE AND OTHER PROCUREMENTS FOR FEB AND MARCH AS FOLLOWS (IN TMT):

- - - IN PERCENT OF 1ST QUARTER
- - - PROCUREMENT GOAL

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY	2,451.4	63
MILK	- 7,081.1	61
EGGS (MIL. PIECES)	6,518.1	69

IT GOES ON TO NAME THE REPUBLICS WHOSE SOCIALIZED SALES IN JAN AND FEB EXCEEDED 1977 SALES FOR THE SAME PERIOD INCLUDING RSFSR, UKRAINE, KAZAKHSTAN, BYELORUSSIA, "AND OTHERS". AZERBAIJAN, GEORGIA, KIRKHIZ, MOLDAVIA AND LITHUANIA ARE CREDITED WITH ALREADY REACHING BETWEEN 87-95 PERCENT OF THEIR PROCUREMENT GOALS FOR THE FIRST QUARTER, BUT LATVIA AND ESTONIA ARE SINGLED OUT AS BEHIND IN THEIR PURCHASES.

3. THE DROP IN BUTTER PRODUCTION THIS YEAR IS NOT SIGNIFICANT, AND PROBABLY REFLECTS ADMINISTRATIVE SHIFTS TOWARD HIGHER CHEESE OR FLUID MILK OUTPUT. REGARDING VEGETABLE OIL OUTTURN, KEEP IN MIND THAT BOTH 1976 AND 1977 WERE POOR YEARS.

4. PRODUCTION OF FOOD INDUSTRY, CENTRALIZED SECTOR ONLY, JANUARY AND FEBRUARY (MILLION METRIC TONS):
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- - JANUARY & JANUARY & 1978 AS 1978 AS
- - FEBRUARY FEBRUARY PERCENT PERCENT
- - 1978 1977 1977 1976

MEAT	-	1,318	1,189	110	93
SAUSAGE	-	468	451	104	105
BUTTER	-	126	130	97	117
WHOLE MILK		3.9	3.7	104	108
VEGETABLE OIL		528	453	114	123
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